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“My name is Bruce Chattin. I am the Executive Director for the Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association in Des Moines, Washington. We represent approximately 46% of the permittees – out of the 92935 sand and gravel permittees on record. Just wanted to say on record thank you very much for the presentation today. Ah, very entertaining, alot of good information, some very good points of clarification. I would point out that we are going to be submitting and encouraging our membership to be submitting their comments through the comment period. I would make a comment on the red tape index information that you mentioned, is that when we have the discussions with Commerce and Ecology and industry, it was Industry’s perspective that the administrative costs that Ecology listed were generally much lower than what actually realized by Industry in setting up the same standards and the red tape index, although was a very good opportunity to move forward and identify some administrative burdens, cost-wise for permittees, that effort was abandoned and did not occur with the Industry participation. So I just wanted to make a clarification that while we were in the discussions we felt it wasn’t going to work out based on the lower estimates of costs that made it unrealistic and it wasn’t the administrator costs to the permit that was the challenge it was the cost of regulatory compliance that was the challenge. Thank you very much.”